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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT - LERNER TO BE AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY

1. NORWAY'S LARGEST DAILY, AFTENPOSTEN, CARRIED FOLLOWING STORY APRIL 16 BY ITS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT ELISABETH HOLTE:
2. BEGIN TEXT: THE 41-YEAR-OLD NEWSPAPER OWNER LOUIS A. LERNER FROM CHICAGO WILL TAKE OVER IN JULY AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY FOLLOWING FORMER ASTRONAUT WILLIAM ANDERS. LERNER, WHO OWNS A CHAIN OF 53 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN THE CHICAGO AREA, IS DESCRIBED AS A COLORFUL PERSON. HE SUPPORTED JIMMY CARTER EARLY IN LAST YEAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN.
3. THE APPOINTMENT IS NOT YET OFFICIAL, BUT LERNER REPORTEDLY HAS SAID YES TO CARTER'S OFFER OF THE AMBASSADORIAL POST IN NORWAY, AND FRIDAY HE WAS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE.
4. THE LERNER CHAIN WAS STARTED BY LOUIS LERNER'S FATHER, LEO, 60 YEARS AGO AND TODAY INCLUDES 53 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH COME OUT ONE OR TWO TIMES A WEEK AND HAVE A COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 350,000 COPIES.

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5. LOUIS LERNER HIMSELF ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL TWENTY YEARS AGO IN ROSKILDE, DENMARK ON A STIPEND FROM THE AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN SEMINAR AND REPORTEDLY FIRST ASKED TO BE POSTED TO COPENHAGEN WHEN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AMBASSADORSHIP CAME UP. HE THEN STUDIED EUROPEAN HISTORY AND CULTURE AT ROSSEVELT

UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO, BUT TOOK OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEWSPAPER CHAIN AT A YOUNG AGE WHEN HIS FATHER BECAME ILL.

6. "NONE OF US HAS BEEN TO NORWAY BEFORE, BUT THE WHOLE FAMILY IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GOING THERE," SAID MRS. SUSAN LERNER, WHO WAS FORMERLY AN OPERA SINGER AND HAS SUNG WITH ORCHESTRAS IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. (END TEXT).

7. STORY ACCOMPANIED BY ONE-COLUMN PICTURE OF MR. LERNER.

8. EMBASSY IS REFERRING ANY PRESS INQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON.
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